



'Iron Lady' Margaret Thatcher... (AP radiophoto)

Gaddafi runs 'world terror centre'

CAIRO. — An opponent of Col. Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan head-of-state, accused him yesterday of turning Libya into a gathering place for world terrorists — including Palestinians, Japanese, West Germans and Latin Americans.

Maj. Omar el-Mehelhi said Gaddafi can spend up to \$500m. a year to finance his "small army" of terrorists and his sabotage in other countries.

Mehelhi, a former member of the ruling Revolution Command Council, fell out with Gaddafi last year, fled to Tunisia and later came to Egypt where he was granted political asylum.

In an interview with the newspaper "Al-Ahram," Mehelhi said Gaddafi's terrorists include:

- A large number of Palestinians.
- Several Japanese Red Army members, who have an entire floor for themselves in a Tripoli hotel "and against whom I have warned Cairo."

- The West German "Mafia," with which Gaddafi has "organized relations."
- Argentinian fascists who often visit Libya to receive instructions about bombing and assassination missions.

Moreover, Gaddafi is a personal friend of the Venezuelan-born terrorist Carlos, and gave him a villa in Tripoli and \$2.5m. for his attack last December against the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Mehelhi said.

He said Gaddafi and former Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammed Mansouri have set up a "gang" of North Africans for launching sabotage missions in Arab countries, particularly Tunisia.

Mehelhi said Gaddafi has \$500m. allocated for the armed forces, and an additional \$80m. allocated for "protecting the security of the revolution" — from which he can spend freely, and without control, on his "gangs and crimes."



Gaddafi addressing the non-aligned summit in Colombo yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

The Libyan head-of-state has turned Libyan embassies abroad — with the exception of the London Embassy — into military arsenals "for carrying out plots and sabotage," Mehelhi said.

The reason the London embassy was spared is because the Libyan ambassador to Britain, identified only as Dr. al-Maghrahi, is opposing Gaddafi's policies, Mehelhi said.

He said Gaddafi attempted to reassign him to Portugal, but Maghrahi refused.

Gaddafi's motive, Mehelhi said, is "his love for crime. Nothing else. We would be doing him and ourselves an injustice if we imagined for a minute that he has political objectives which he is trying to realize," he said.

Gaddafi is an unbalanced person, suffering from a persecution mania, which has affected his mental abilities, Mehelhi said.

He forecast more Libyan-inspired bombing incidents in Egypt, but said he has a "radical solution."

(UPI)

With Ford victory near K line rejected by Republicans

By RICHARD COHEN Special to The Jerusalem Post

KANSAS CITY. — With President Gerald Ford firmly in control of the 1976 Republican national convention as the delegates prepared last night (3 a.m. Israel time) to choose the party's presidential nominee, challenger Ronald Reagan won an important foreign policy amendment to the party platform.

The amendment was clearly an attack on the policies of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Reagan's chief target in his campaign to wrest the nomination from Ford.

Because the amendment was so obviously a swipe at the Ford-Kissinger "activeness" toward the Soviets, a floor fight was expected that might have demoralized and certainly divided the convention. But after Ford forces won a key test vote, defeating a Reagan proposal that would have required Ford to name his choice for vice president before the presidential nomination itself, it was clear that the selection process was all but officially over and that Ford had won.

Now that they could afford to be magnanimous, Ford's strategists sent Sen. Roman Hruska of Nebraska, a right-wing Republican who is strongly for the President, to the rostrum to announce that the Ford camp had decided not to oppose the Reagan proposal.

Delegates then voted overwhelmingly for an amendment to the foreign policy plank that did not sit well with Kissinger. After declaring the goal of Republican foreign policy to be "the achievement of liberty under law and a just and lasting peace in the world,"

the amendment to the Republican platform took a tough line in asserting "our will be a foreign policy which recognizes that in international negotiations we must make no undue concessions, that in pursuing detente we must not grant unilateral favours with only the hope of getting future favours in return."

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SHARON: CAIRO VIOLATIONS IGNORED

JERUSALEM. — A UN report that the Egyptian government had built up a "small army" of terrorists and his sabotage in other countries, was "ignored" by the Egyptian government, said a senior Israeli official.

How to help? The official said. "We are not going to help them. We are going to help ourselves."

Most Labour Party members, he said, are "not going to help them. We are going to help ourselves."

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UN: 'No real breach of Sinai accord'

Sillasvuo's 'routine' shuttle

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

The Chief Coordinator of UN Peacekeeping Missions in the Middle East, Gen. Emilo Sillasvuo, is due to meet with Defence Minister Shimon Peres today on reported breaches of the Sinai Interim Accord by Egypt. Gen. Sillasvuo returned here last night from Cairo after talks there with Egyptian Minister of War, Gen. Mohammed Abdel-Ghani Gansary.

UN circles last night tended to play down Gen. Sillasvuo's brief shuttle between Jerusalem and Cairo, noting that no major problems were at issue between Israel and Egypt. The circles said that Sillasvuo's call on the Egyptian War Minister was a "routine" one, similar to his meeting with Peres last Friday, on his return from two months' home leave.

A reliable UN source said that Sillasvuo's talks with Gansary touched on a wide range of topics, "including" Israel's view over Egypt's recent breaches of the Sinai accord.

Indications were that the UN command tends to view the Egyptian violations as being of a technical nature which can be dealt with through the channels existing between Israel and Egypt under the Sinai agreement. The feeling at the UN command is that both Egypt and Israel are keeping to the spirit and letter of the agreement, which marks its first anniversary next month.

Israel's recent complaints of Egyptian violations in the accord focused on Egypt's transfer of some 10 battalions east of the Suez Canal, over and above the eight allowed under the accord. The Egyptians claim that the battalions at issue were skeleton ones which they needed for organizational purposes. Israel also maintained that the Egyptians had breached the accord by recently conducting several helicopter overflights beyond the limited forces line west of the Suez waterway.

The Egyptians were earlier charged with having moved in a number of missiles to the limited zone west of the Suez Canal. The missiles, however, were removed following an Israeli complaint.

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

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JUDGES' PAY INCREASE DEMAND CRITICIZED

By GIDION ESHET
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Economic sources in Jerusalem yesterday criticized the demand by all the country's judges for an increase in salary. The judges' present salaries, which are 50 to 100 per cent higher than the highest wage in the civil service, are sufficient, they said.

The judges this week requested that the Knesset Finance Committee increase their pay "substantially." They claimed that, unlike other professions, they have no possibility of moonlighting — and thus earning an additional income.

They also claimed that their salaries are relatively low compared to those earned by lawyers in private practice, and this discourages top-level lawyers from becoming judges.

The economic sources pointed out that a Supreme Court judge now earns a gross salary of IL8,900 per month, compared to the IL4,800 earned by a director-general of a government ministry. A magistrate, the lowest rank of judge, earns a gross monthly wage of IL6,800, they noted.

The sources claimed that increasing the judges' salaries, coming in the wake of similar increases in the wages of Cabinet ministers and Knesset Members, will set a bad example for other employees, especially those in the public service, who received only a 2.5 per cent wage increase this year. They added that at most, the judges should receive also the 2.5 per cent but not more.

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No Soviet intent to challenge Israel patrol

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — American officials here said yesterday that the Soviet Union, in an effort to demonstrate its support for the Palestinian cause, had decided to publicize its note to the U.S. protesting what it said was an Israeli naval blockade off the coast of Lebanon. But, the sources said, the Soviets had no real intention of challenging Israel vessels in order to supply arms to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"They were just trying to show off," an official here commented. "There has been no confirmed press reports that the Soviets had informed the U.S. in the message that it would be prepared to break an Israeli naval blockade off the Lebanese coast in order to supply arms and ammunition to PLO and leftist forces."

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Israel Ambassador Simcha Diniz discussed the Soviet note on Tuesday during a meeting at the State Department. Diniz reportedly explained the Israeli position regarding its intensified naval patrols off its coastline, insisting that there was no formal blockade.

A formal blockade is regarded as an act of war, according to international law.

Diniz reportedly told Kissinger that Israel would not establish a formal blockade, keeping its patrol boats, for the most part, off the Israeli coast.

According to sources here, the Americans are not concerned over this Israeli policy.

In Jerusalem last night Minister-without-Portfolio Yisrael Galili declared that Israel's policy towards Lebanon is simply one of self-defence, and will not involve it in complications with either the U.S. or the Soviet Union.

In an Israel TV interview he added that the U.S. values Israel's self-restraint, and will not be deceived by "this provocative diplomatic move of the Soviets."

Mr. Galili stressed that the Government had not decided to blockade the Lebanese coast. But, he added, Israel is not obliged to relieve the terrorist organizations of all worry as they pass close by its coast.

American officials also disclosed recent information they have received indicating new signs of unrest in Damascus. But they insisted that they were not at present concerned over the survival of Syrian President Assad's regime.

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Battle of words over Knesset Comptroller

Yeshayahu: crude smear campaign
Olmert: Speaker hid evidence



Yeshayahu Olmert

Knesset Sergeant-At-Arms, Yitzhak Ben-Gal, and other senior officials get overtime pay in the 1973 elections, to supervise the officials who for the Central Elections Committee in the Knesset building.

In principle, the State Comptroller as well as two senior civil servants who were consulted, objected to senior Knesset officials' working for the elections for pay. However,

in 1973 the elections were so close that it was impossible to change the system and manage without the senior Knesset officials.

Yeshayahu quoted Lieberman as claiming in one of his reports that the State Comptroller had ruled that no grounds for a criminal charge existed. However, at the State Attorney's suggestion, Cohen had been brought before a disciplinary tribunal, which was still meeting.

Lieberman also charged that Reuven Cohen was paid for 11 months of accumulated leave amassed over eight years, without proper justification. Yeshayahu said he ordered the charge probed, and was told that the accumulated leave had been approved by the previous Knesset Clerk, Haim Lior.

Yeshayahu explained some days ago that he did not want Lieberman to continue in his job because he engaged in control activities without being directed to do so, because he did not get on well with people, and because he was "generally unsuited for the task."

The House Committee authorized the appointment of a new comptroller in June on the assumption that the choice would be a new figure, Yeshayahu said.

Olmert, at his own press conference straight after the Speaker had finished, said that Yeshayahu was

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desia is: so long as they have the will to survive."

"The continued existence of the white man in southern Africa depends on the Afrikaner, not on the white English-speaking South African," the study continued. "The Western strategic interest at present," it said, "depends upon this too, for majority rule in South Africa, under whatever disguise, cannot offer the same degree of immediate security to the West."

"The structure of power in South Africa is impregnable for as far into the future as most strategic committees would care to plan," it said. The study said the South African Government's repression of recent black township riots "was proof that the government means business and that white ascendancy will be maintained at whatever cost."

"The West, if it is interested in its own security, and the liberal, if he seeks to promote the physical well-being and the political rights of the black man in South Africa," the study concluded, "might do worse than to seek means of reassuring the Afrikaner as to his ultimate destiny."

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Soviet threat to vital Western supply routes

Study says South African power structure 'impregnable'

South Africa and Rhodesia) is successful," it said, "the whole of the southern African coast from the Gulf of Aden to Luanda, with the possible exception of the ports of Mozambique and Dar-es-Salaam, would fall under Soviet influence. Both the Indian Ocean coast and the African Atlantic seaboard lie astride the western oil route to the Persian Gulf," it pointed out.

The study said the aim of Soviet interest in African minerals probably is "to disrupt essential supplies to Western industrial states."

Among threatened minerals, it said, are uranium, chrome, manganese,

vandium, titanium, molybdenum, tantalum, copper, lead and zinc. It said Western supplies of diamonds, gold and platinum also may be threatened.

"Given the commitment of the industrial democracies to nuclear power," the study said, "uranium production is of fundamental importance for the next 25 years."

The study said this makes peace in the area a matter of intensified interest for Europe and the U.S.

"The question," it said, "is how much longer can the white governments continue. The short answer in the sort of situation facing Rho-



Circassian dancers ...

... in Galilee: Joen Borsten visits the tiny community, still banking for its homeland in the Caucasus.

The Sappers' inventor: Aluf-Mishne David Lascoff, Zaha's oldest serving officer, talks to Abraham Rabinovich.

"World Of Our Fathers": Irving Howe discusses his best-seller with Sol Stern.

Jimmy Carter's evangelism: what might it mean for this country? An enquiry by Sarah Honig.

"Hit Team": the third instalment of David Tinnin's forthcoming book on Israel's reply to Black September terrorism.

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Rare 14th century Persian Hebrew manuscript in Jlem

By JUDY STEIGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Public interest generated by Israel's purchase of a year of eight prized manuscripts from the U.S. has resulted in the acquisition of a 14th century Persian Hebrew manuscript of midrashic writings.

The 112,000 sum needed by the Jewish National and University Library to buy the book was distributed by several donors who heard of Israel's success at the Smeaton auction in Zurich.

Hebrew University Professor Ephraim Kohn has been poring over the fragile manuscript five hours a day during the past month since it was bought from a Jerusalem collector. Prof. Kohn was instrumental in establishing the authenticity of the 570-page manuscript and in applying for the sale since its existence first came known last October.

The fragile paper leaves some of them patched about half separated from a century-old binding constitute two parts. "The first 146 leaves are midrashic Tehillim" (commentary on the Book of Psalms) written in a clear, beautiful script," says Dr. Mordechai Nadav, head of the library's department of manuscripts, as he fingers the book carefully.

The second part is "Pitron Torah," a midrashic commentary to the Books of Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and any of the known midrashic commentaries. A liturgical poem by Rav Hai ben Shimon, the Gaon of Pumbedra, is introduced in the second section. The handwriting is in the same style, was undoubtedly not the work of the scribe of the first part.

The colophon (author's note at the end of the manuscript) informs us that the second part was written in Sambaragan in 1328 C.E. by the scribe, Rav Shmuel ben David, notes Dr. Nadav. It is probable that the scribe borrowed the text from another community and copied it for the Jews Sambaragan.



Colophon from the 14th century Persian Hebrew manuscript.

Dr. Nadav says the manuscript will be an important item in Israel's national treasure of writings. "You forget the price after a short time, but the book remains," he concludes. Researchers, scholars, graphic artists and people curious to see a book written 650 years ago will be granted access to the new acquisition.

Israeli expertise on water may be applied to U.K. drought problems

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Excellent prospects have opened up for Israeli water technology in Britain as this country experiences its worst drought in 250 years. The country's 10 regional water authorities have applied to the Government for emergency powers to impose water curbs, even on industry, under the Emergency Drought Act rushed through Parliament last week just before the summer recess.

Queen Elizabeth was the first to order the royal gardens to stop watering her palace gardens. Now the regional authorities want to prohibit the use of water for gardens, sports fields, public fountains, and washing of cars.

The office of the Agriculture Counsellor at the Israeli Embassy has sent Jerusalem a report containing recommendations aimed at opening up the British market to Israeli water technology. This would involve a package deal of irrigation equipment together with advisory services, in contrast to established British practice of only providing the equipment.

Two top experts have been talking with government officials and the National Farmers Union. They are Yirmiyahu Weisberg, international marketing manager of Tahal, and Y. Shimon, European agricultural representative of Koer Inter-trade, based in Amsterdam.

This reporter learned from Yvonne Goldschmidt, assistant to Israel's Agricultural Counsellor Hanaa Tishak, that the two discussed how best to apply Israel's water conservation technology, especially advanced irrigation techniques, to British conditions. They met members of the East Anglia Water Authority and officials of the Agriculture Ministry's advisory services in Suffolk and Sussex.

With leaders of the National Farmers Union, the idea of sending delegations of British farmers to Israel to study irrigation methods was discussed. The farmers and the officials were interested particularly in "drip" irrigation techniques. They were told how Israel offers ways of maximizing yields with minimal usage of water.

But a British government policy decision may be required because of the large initial investment involved. On the other hand, Tahal will have to decide whether to set up administrative machinery for Western Europe.

The Channel island of Jersey, famous for its lush pastures and fat dairy herds, has started rationing water. Bread is to be rationed on the island, whose residents will be on a short working week as factories and shops cut back on production.

The drought's political implications are serious as the Labour Government's anti-inflation policies may collapse under the pressure of rising food prices and shortages.

Housewives are reported hoarding tinned and frozen vegetables after reports of shortages because of the prolonged drought. Vegetable crop yields are 40 per cent below last year, according to food processors, and prices are already at least 60 per cent higher. Wholesalers anticipate a shortage of cabbages, cauliflowers, lettuces, carrots and potatoes.

A farmers' union has asked the Government to consider cheap credit for farmers who have lost money because of the dry weather to buy seed and fertilizer for next year.

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an erroneous conception of Egyptian intentions, as before the Yom Kippur War, or it was simply not telling the truth," charged Sharon.

Sharon claimed that the Government's inaction was only a link in a series of security errors and shortcomings. He believed that the Government has manoeuvred Israel into the position of a "passive partner" in collusion with the U.S. and Syria, by not intervening in Syria's intervention in Lebanon, "without asking for any return whatsoever for our restraint. We should at least have asked for the liberation of the hundreds of Jews of Syria, but the Government didn't dream of asking for this or even much less."

As to the "good fence" on the Lebanese border, it was a fine humanitarian action, which would be wholly good if it were part of a comprehensive plan, and not just exploited for "personal publicity." But as an isolated action it would not solve our relations with the Arabs, "which will not be based on medical aid alone."

Sharon said in answer to a question on Kaddum that in a real democracy, like the U.S., the Government would have prevented the settlement, though now "it would be a tragedy if law enforcement in Israel would start in Kaddum." Furthermore history often showed that "the minority were right and the majority wrong."

On Professor Yigael Yadin's political initiative, he said, "I deeply appreciate his guts in attempting to change things outside the existing political establishment, where neither the Alignment nor the Likud are capable of providing the solutions to our problems. His readiness to fight for a change is an act of patriotism." Like Yadin, he too believed that nothing could be achieved without a change of the governmental structure and the electoral system. But he would not commit himself to joining forces with Yadin until the professor, "whom I like personally," would clarify his principles.

Asked about press reports that he had received money to purchase his Negev ranch as a gift from an American millionaire, Sharon said, "I have received no gift or favour. I purchased the farm with the help of a regular 20-year loan from an American bank, which I am repaying."

BACKGROUND REPORT: TUITION

Many earn good wages while at university

By LEA LEVAVI

AVIV. — A recent study by Assaf Arye Globerson of Tel Aviv University's labour studies department claims that 90 per cent of students and social sciences students work while attending university and earn more than the average wage in the economy.

The study, it is suggested, means they raise the tuition fee to a level that is a violation of an agreement of IL4,933, which student with the Finance Ministry was linked to the cost-of-living index.

The study was made without any consultation with the current tuition fee. But its findings appear to be counterproductive to many of the Finance Ministry's claims. For instance, the study shows that the universities' own scholarship funds and IL150m, provided by other sources such as Mifal Hapayis, the various immigrant associations, the Delek fuel company and the Wolfson Fund.

The Ministry noted that aid is given according to a student's financial situation, with special preference to those whose families are of Afro-Asian origin and to more recent arrivals in Israel over the long-settled. It said the interest on the loans is lower than the 26 per cent levied in ordinary transactions, and that repayment does not begin until a year after graduation.



Some of the 77 high school pupils from Israel and the U.S. working at the Summer Science Camp for Youth, just ended at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. The camp run by the Faculty of Science, lasted two weeks (three weeks for the Americans) during which the campers were immersed in science, doing laboratory experiments under the supervision of university teachers.

More aid to students

About IL75m, will be available in financial help to students this year — 40 per cent of it is loans at 15 per cent interest — the Education Ministry said yesterday.

The IL75m, in the loan funds represents a 50 per cent rise over last year, the Ministry said. The other sources are IL25m, in the universities' own scholarship funds and IL150m, provided by other sources such as Mifal Hapayis, the various immigrant associations, the Delek fuel company and the Wolfson Fund.

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Record participation seen for Haifa Chess Olympics

By ELIAHU SHAHAR, Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A new Olympic record for participation will be set by the Haifa Chess Olympiad this fall. The women's event with at least 57 players from 19 countries taking part.

The record was topped with the registration of the U.S. and Argentina. These two countries, as well as Monaco and Guatemala, have also registered for the men's event, thus bringing the number of countries registered so far to 34. More registrations are expected by the Olympic committee by August 24, the official closing date for entries.

In addition, over 100 delegates will participate in the Annual Congress of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) to be held in Haifa during the Olympics.

The women's event will be displayed for the first time on three boards instead of two. Israel stands a good chance to clinch one of the first places in the women's Olympics. Its team includes Alla Kushnir, Stein, the world's No. 2 woman player and thrice contender to the chess throne; Ljuba Kristol, former Leningrad champion, and Olga Podguzhanskaya, also a newcomer from the Soviet Union.

SOME 4,000 residents of Jerusalem have so far sent the Interior Ministry postcards to protest against the building plans for the Omariya section of the city, according to the Council for a Beautiful Israel, which backs the protest.

200,000 visit Jerusalem fair

More than 200,000 people have visited the Jerusalem Hutzot Ha-yotzer Fair, which is to close at midnight on Saturday.

The fair will be wound up with an evening of song and dance performances by representatives of some of the country's Jewish communities. Bukharans, Kurds, Georgians, Indians, Yemenites and South Americans, among others, will participate.

According to the fair organizers, some 20,000 visitors arrived each evening, and virtually "stormed" the different artist stalls. (Itm)

Joyful reunion, years after Auschwitz

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two women, who on Sunday summer recess both thought the other "looked like a ghost," discovered on the other's identity. The two had there was a tearful and joyous kept him on for 10 of two girlhood friends who contract expired in 1945 from the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Senior officials of women, Mrs. Katie Reiser, in his work at Netanya, and Mrs. Lily Shenzund, of Dimona, were both at the Lina Dolega, of the Herzliya Hotel, on Sunday, they saw each other. They said they could remember each other from the other before.

Next day, Mrs. Reiser asked Shenzund in Hungarian where she was from. Recognition came in a few seconds, with the two women hugging each other, crying and laughing. They spent the next 24 hours talking about their past and their lives since immigrating to Israel in the early 1930s.

Both were born in a small Rumanian town and had been friends before they were sent to Auschwitz by the Germans in 1944. They remained friends in Auschwitz, where Mrs. Shenzund, at 13, was one of the youngest prisoners.

Today Mrs. Shenzund is married to a textile worker. Mrs. Reiser is the mother of two and grandmother of four. The two women plan to keep in touch and meet frequently.

Three moshav members to be tried for killing Arab

The District Attorney has charged the three with manslaughter.

Beit Horon, a young settlement in the Latrun area, claims to have suffered heavy material loss in the past year through the theft of cows.

The defence is reportedly planning to call Alur (Rea) Rehavam Ze'evi, the Prime Minister's adviser on anti-terrorist activities, to testify.

The entire matter has been held under wraps for several weeks for reasons still unclear, and was only now released for publication by the prosecution. (Itm)

'Don't take off your kipa when travelling abroad'

By LEA LEVAVI, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — David Altman, an assistant to the director-general of Bar-Ilan University, disagrees with the belief that Israelis, when travelling abroad, should not emphasize their nationality and that the religious among them should not wear a kipa (skullcap).

Altman is a former president of the Israel National Student Union and chairman of the Bar-Ilan Students Association. When he previously travelled abroad as a student representative, he adhered to this belief.

But on recent trips, Altman has decided to wear his kipa and identify himself as an Israeli — with results which he describes as uplifting not only to himself but to the Jews in the countries visited.

"It isn't that it is forbidden to go without a kipa," he explained. "It is for security reasons, it is permissible. It's just that I see no reason why the Arabs should flaunt their nationality everywhere and I should hide like the Gahit Jews of generations ago."

His first experience was in an Iranian hotel, where Iranian Jews with him asked him not to put on his kipa. "After all, Iran is a Moslem country with many Arabs, and why look for trouble?" Altman said. "Just because they were afraid, I wanted to prove that there was nothing to fear."

Wearing his kipa, he walked into the hotel bar, followed by his friends, to buy cigarettes. The orchestra stopped what they were playing and began "Hava Nagilah." Guests and staff, who were Jewish and who had previously not mentioned it, began coming over to Altman and introducing themselves as Jews.

Altman recalled that "when I was in London, after the Entebbe operation, it was great to walk around with a kipa. I was walking in Hyde Park one day and a taxi driver stopped, put his head out the window of his cab and called in Hebrew, 'Kol hakovod.' The Englishman told me he was Jewish because I carry a passport which is worth something. He said that his government would never do for him what ours did for the hostages."

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Guerrillas attack Rhodesian convoy

SALISBURY. — Guerrillas have ambushed an armed convoy in southern Rhodesia and launched rocket and mortar attacks on Rhodesian tea estates from Mozambique, a government communiqué said yesterday.

The communiqué said that Rhodesian security forces had killed 22 guerrillas in other incidents over the past three days for the loss of one soldier.

The Rhodesian civilian convoy with its armed escort had been moving on Tuesday from Fort Victoria to Chipinga, near the Mozambique border, when it was fired on. Several civilians were slightly injured but the armed escort beat off the attack. It was the first such attack since the convoy system was adopted following a road ambush last spring.

The communiqué gave no date for the attacks on the estates which, it said, caused neither casualties nor damage.

So far this year, 890 guerrillas and 63 Rhodesian troops have been killed in intensified fighting around Rhodesia's eastern border.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman confirmed that a mission near Chipinga had been closed down under a crack-down against mission-

aries accused of aiding the guerrillas. The mission's two South African-born teachers, John and Joy Lowe, have been stripped of their Rhodesian citizenship and ordered to leave the country.

The Chipinga mission was closed after whites in the Chipinga area accused missionaries of helping insurgents who have infiltrated from camps in Mozambique. Intelligence sources say several captured guerrillas had been students at Chipinga before going to Mozambique.

Police also disclosed that an Italian woman doctor working in a northeastern Rhodesian mission has been arrested and charged with helping or failing to report terrorists. The doctor, Louise Guidotti, is due to appear in the magistrate's court here on September 1. She faces a possible death sentence if convicted.

Justifying the war, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who heads the African National Council, told U.S. church leaders last week that the resort to "temporary righteous violence" against the "cruel violence" of the ruling Rhodesian regime had become an "act of higher Christian responsibility." The Bishop, who lives in exile in neighbouring Zambia, returned to Africa later in the week. (Reuters, AP)



Some 30 North Korean guards attack U.S. command personnel with axes and steel pikes in the joint security area of Panmunjom yesterday. The white-helmeted men (above) are UN personnel. The UN announced later that two U.S. army officers were killed in the attack. (AP radiophoto)

North Koreans kill U.S. officers in attack on truce village

SEOUL. — Two U.S. army officers were killed yesterday when about 30 North Korean guards with axes and metal pikes, attacked Americans and South Koreans trimming trees in the truce village of Panmunjom, the UN command said.

The killings were the first deaths over in the joint security area, the site of the armistice talks between the UN command and North Korea.

The officers were "brutally murdered in an unprovoked assault," it was stated. Four other American servicemen and five South Koreans were injured, the command added.

The UN work party was reportedly "routinely trimming branches" from a tree some 35 metres from command check point No. 3 at the south side of a bridge to the North Korean side of the armistice line, called "the bridge of no return."

The American officers died from "massive head injuries and stab wounds" inflicted in the attack. Identification of the victims was being withheld until their families could be notified.

The command immediately called a military armistice commission meeting for today to discuss the attack, but it did not say if North

Korea accepted the proposal. The command announcement gave the following account: Two North Korean officers and several guards came to the work area, where the two Americans, one South Korean officer and several enlisted men were escorting five Korean service corps workers.

After some discussion, during which a North Korean officer expressed an objection to the tree trimming, the latter suddenly demanded the South Korean workers stop the work.

Shortly afterward, a North Korean vehicle brought additional guards. The North Korean officer was then heard telling them to kill the UN command personnel.

A fight ensued with the other North Korean guards joining in. The command did not say if there were any casualties on the North Korean side.

Later, a North Korean broadcast claimed that "U.S. imperialist aggression troops" with lethal weapons pounced on and beat North Korean guards who had gone to protest its area under the latter's control, that the trees were in a joint security area.

Volcano could erupt 'any moment'

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe. — Seventy thousand refugees sheltering near the southern tip of this French Caribbean island were told yesterday that the dreaded major eruption of Mount Soufriere might be only hours away.

Scientists have forecast an atomic bomb-like blast when the volcanic peak does explode, and for the last 24 hours the island has rumbled with more than a thousand earth tremors.

La Soufriere burst into violent activity on Monday followed by a succession of tremors some of which were measured up to force four on the Richter scale.

French geologists and seismologists believe these are a forerunner to an imminent major eruption.

The volcano is a time bomb that could go off at any moment, they predict. (Reuters)

West German girl dies after exorcism rites

WUERZBURG, West Germany. — Roman Catholic Bishop Josef Stangl may order a church investigation into the death of a 23-year-old student who died after undergoing exorcism rites, a supplement to the Wuerzburg diocesan newsletter said on Tuesday.

Civil authorities have already begun investigating allegations of negligent manslaughter and failure to assist a person-in-need in connection with the death of Miss Annelies Michel, from undernourishment.

Miss Michel's parents took her to their local priest in 1973 after four years of medical treatment failed to cure her epilepsy.

Believing her to be possessed by demons, the priest called in a Church expert, Jesuit Adolf Rodevsky of Frankfurt. Father Rodevsky,

81, recommended exorcism in his report to Bishop Stangl. In September, the Bishop granted approval for the rites, described in Rituale Romanum of 1614.

The exorcism procedure lasted for several months. Miss Michel began to refuse nourishment, and her weight dropped to 32 kilos before she died at her parent's home in Klingenberg.

Bishop Stangl said the case will necessitate review of church teachings about the devil and demons.

The Pastoral newsletter said that "possession" could be a serious illness or "an especially intensive mystical submission of the person into the way of the cross of Jesus."

But it is unchristian to pray for a person and to withhold healing treatment. (AP)

'Farmer's field' on Mars puzzles Viking scientists

PASADENA. — As Viking 2 closed in on a landing target in the icy Northern regions of Mars on Tuesday, scientists studied information from Viking 1, trying to find some sign of Martian life.

Scientists said a decision must be made by Friday on whether to shoot for a Sept. 3 landing date for the second U.S. Martian lander, one day earlier than was planned. If that date is chosen, scientists may be able to avoid a manoeuvre that would realign the craft in position for a later landing, officials said.

Viking 1's biology experiments entered their second life-searching phase in which the test will be duplicated to verify earlier results,

a Jet Propulsion Laboratory spokesman said.

Two of the experiments, which have been sending data strongly suggestive of life processes, will be analyzing new samples of the Martian surface this week, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, new pictures of Mars' Northern Region reveal mysterious patterns resembling contour ploughing on the planet's red surface. They were taken by Viking II, and scientists say they are hard-pressed to find a natural explanation.

A scientist said that the newest pictures of the target zone showed huge, striped patterns that resemble an aerial photograph of a farmer's field after ploughing. (AP)

90,000 homeless after earthquakes, tidal waves

5,000 dead, missing in Philippines

MANILA. — The official toll of dead and missing in the earthquakes and tidal waves in the southern Philippines soared to more than 5,300 yesterday and nearly 90,000 were reported homeless.

The National Disaster Coordinating Centre said 3,103 deaths had been confirmed and there were at least 2,282 missing, 688 injured and some 90,000 homeless following Tuesday's catastrophes.

After an aerial survey of the area, Brig. Gen. Antonio Villanueva, head of the relief and rescue task force in Cotabato, central Mindanao, said bodies were floating along the coast.

Other rescue operations officials said they feared that most of the missing, washed away by rushing waves, will never be found.

A television station reported 400 to 600 paratroopers training in the southern Philippines were among those washed away by the tidal waves, but there was no immediate confirmation of the report.

The casualties were concentrated in the towns and cities along Mindanao Island's 750 kms. of coastline around the Moro Gulf, on the northern side of the Celebes Sea.

The Philippine air force was shuttling tons of medicine, food and other supplies to Cotabato, on the eastern shore of the gulf, and Zamboanga, across the gulf at the tip of the Zamboanga Peninsula. They were among the hardest hit cities.

Navy ships stationed in Zamboanga were ferrying relief goods to other stricken areas along the coast.

U.S. President Gerald Ford sent President Ferdinand Marcos a message expressing sorrow and offering U.S. aid.

The first quake struck shortly after midnight Monday, while the people of Mindanao were sleeping. It was centred in the Celebes Sea between Mindanao and Indonesia's Celebes Island and sent eight-metre-high tidal waves crashing ashore, carrying as far as 100 metres inland.

The first quake was followed by the usual aftershocks, and shortly after noon Monday another major tremor hit. But by then the survivors of the first quake had moved into the streets and other open spaces, and it was not likely that there were more casualties.

The National Geophysical Observ-



A girl's head (lower, left) sticks out from the ruins of a building in Pagadian city, Philippines on Tuesday as rescue workers free her from the rubble after massive earthquakes hit the area. (AP photo)

vatory said the first quake registered 7.3 on the Richter scale while the U.S. Earthquake Centre in Golden, Colorado, got a reading of 8.0. The second quake registered 6.8 on U.S. seismographs in Honolulu.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion, and every increase of one whole number means the ground motion is 10 times greater. A tremor registering six indicates severe damage, a reading of seven is a major quake, capable of widespread, heavy damage, and registered 7.9 on the scale is a "great" quake, capable of tremendous damage.

Francisco earthquake of 1906 registered 8.3. Meanwhile, Hsinhsu, the Chinese news agency, reported the major earthquake in Taiwan of Central China on night caused only slight damage because it had been predicted. Officials had taken precautions.

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Sudan Minister charges

'Libya infiltrated 2,000 agents to engineer coup'

NAIROBI. — The Sudan yesterday accused Libya of instigating last month's unsuccessful coup against President Numeiry in an attempt to unite the two countries, with the knowledge of the Soviet Union.

If the coup had been successful, a union of the two countries would have been announced within a week, Sudan Minister of Culture and Information, Bona Malwal, told a press conference.

Gaddafi had organized the invasion because Sudan had refused to enter a "quick, unplanned and unworkable" unity pact with Libya, Malwal claimed.

Libya had organized the coup attempt, in conjunction with the exiled Sudanese politician and religious leader, Sadik El-Mahdi. It had been known for some months that agents were being infiltrated into the Sudan from Libya and Ethiopia. And it was known that training was taking place in Libya, he said.

"But we did not think Libya would attempt to take over by force," he added.

The infiltration of agents had started over a year ago, 1,500 and 2,000 people were in last month's attempt, most of them natives of Chad and Ethiopia, and other countries such as Mali and Malwal said.

However, there had been no report for the coup attempt. Sudan and the Sudan closed her border with Libya, have cut off all contact with the Minister added.

The Sudan, however, did guard the people of Libya. But he described Libyan Minister Gaddafi as "a man I hope the Libyans Gaddafi," he said.

Asked about Soviet aid in the coup attempt, Malwal said: "We know that the Soviet Union was not unaware that Libya was supplying to Libya a number of agents for an invasion (of Sudan)." Sudan lost 400 people, \$20m. worth of property during the invasion attempt, Malwal said. (Reuters)

Egypt tells nation: watch out for Libyans

CAIRO. — The government yesterday urged Egyptians to watch out for "Libyan agents" blamed for recent bomb incidents.

In advertisements placed in newspapers, the government said the agents were "after your life and those of your dearest ones. Help by reporting information you have to the security authorities."

Bomb blasts in Cairo and Alexandria in the past 10 days have killed eight people and injured over 70. Egyptian authorities have blamed Libya either directly or indirectly. Libya has denied responsibility for the incidents.

Security police have arrested four alleged Libyan suspects of planting a bomb on a train and at a bus in June, according to the Egyptian Middle East News on Tuesday.

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IN BRIEF

Thieves drug dogs, steal \$12m. in art

MONZA, Italy. — Art thieves anaesthetized two watchdogs, looted the deserted villa of an Italian industrialist and got away with paintings worth an estimated \$12m.

Police said thieves stole 21 paintings, including works by Titian, Tiepolo, Veronese, Murillo and Rubens, said some drawings attributed to Raphael. They were part of the private collection of Angelo Sala in his luxury villa at Peregallo di Legnano.

The villa was unguarded except for the two watchdogs, police said. The industrialist and his family were on vacation. (AP)

Russian backflip

OTTAWA. — Sergei Nemtsov, the Soviet diver who defected during the 1976 Olympic Games, told Immigration Department officials he intends to return home, a Department spokesman said on Tuesday.

The spokesman said Nemtsov, 37, declared his intentions in a meeting with officials last Thursday in Montreal. (AP)

Iraqi boy wrestler seeks U.S. asylum

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA. — A 15-year-old wrestler from Iraq who disappeared on August 9 after a wrestling tournament in Minneapolis applied for asylum to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service this week.

Adel Taha Alwan of Baghdad, and his St. Paul attorney met with immigration officials in St. Paul and filed a formal application for asylum.

Alwan walked away from the world schoolboy wrestling championship at Augsburg College two days before the Iraqi wrestling team and coaches left Minneapolis. He turned himself in to Minneapolis police on Saturday night. (AP)

Protests, arrests in Spain

ALMERIA, Spain. — Police reported an undetermined number of arrests yesterday during a "Day of Struggle" to protest the fatal police shooting of a youth here. The arrests came after leftists asked construction workers to join a demonstration, police said.

Francisco Javier Verdejo, a 19-year-old student, was killed by the Civil Guards over the weekend while he and three companions were painting leftist slogans on a wall. He was a member of a political opposition group called "Youth Red Guard," police said. (AP)

The constitutional committee at the multiracial talks here on the future of the territory said a transitional government would be set up as soon as a constitutional basis for one was established. (AP)



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ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 18.00 Art Film: On Magritte. 18.30 English for adults.

18.40 William: Film on a young boy from Virginia who spends his summer vacation in Haifa. 17.00

Yemenite songs. Variations on The Dry Flowers (Hilane Schaeffer-Rephubah Memmish). Beethoven: Sonata in A Major Op. 47, "Kreutzer" (Zukerman-Bombardieri); Sonata for Piano, Op. 110 (Garanbini); Gould: South American Symphonette (Fiedler).

10.35 Radio Story: "Shvil Kilpat Hagalunah, by Nahum Gutman

11.15 Songs and melodies

12.05 (Stereo): Recital - Simha Beland, cello; Jonathan Zak, piano - Bach: Sonata No. 3 in F Minor; Schumann: Fantasies (3). Op. 11, for Piano; Prokofiev: Cello Sonata in C Major, Op. 119

12.00 Light Classical Music (Well)

12.05 Between the Headlines: Informal discussion with Amichai Katz, Efraim Stern and Menashe Marcus

12.50 Lesson in spoken Arabic

12.55 Notes on a new book

13.05 (Stereo): Israeli Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Neville Martinson - Corelli: Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 3; Bach: Double Fugue on a Theme by Corelli; Tzigani: Concerto for Violin and Piano; Tzigani: Concerto for Violin and Piano; Tzigani: Concerto for Violin and Piano

13.10 The Virgin: The Virgin Kid 23.40 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.25 Cartoon: 18.00 The Cop and the Kid. 18.30 News in Hebrew. 19.00 News in Arabic. 20.00 Feature Film. 21.00 News in English. 21.15 Feature Film.

* Shows with asterisks are also on JTV 2.

Second Programs

12.30 Israeli hit times

12.45 Amusements on entertainment and life

13.05 "A Song and a Smile" - Amital Ne'eman and Shmuel Shal present a selection of songs and comedy skits

13.10 Telephone games, prizes

13.15 "Things That Were"

13.25 Sports commentary

13.30 People and events in the news

13.35 Bible Reading: Job 38, 40

13.40 "Editor for an Hour" - Interview

13.45 Progressive music

13.50 On Jews and Judaism

13.55 "The Years of Our Lives" - on the "desert" generation in Israel

14.00 Book Review: "Children of the Ark" by David Ben-Gurion

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ON THE AIR

First Programs

7.07 Morning Concert

The costs of learning

THE FIRST THING to be noted about the new uniform tuition fees decided upon by the heads of the country's universities at their meeting on Tuesday is that they fall rather short of the amount that was expected.

Student leaders who were gearing for an all-out fight against a sum ranging somewhere between IL5,500 and IL6,500 annually should at least own up to a measure, however small, of pleasant surprise. Moreover, they cannot very well argue that there is any good reason why, in these hard times of shortage and retrenchment, the costs of higher education to the student ought to be set at less than a mere IL100 more than high school fees.

But they are right to point out that even IL4,933, which is the figure finally laid down for the coming year, means a near doubling of the current university fees. A rise of this order of magnitude, ineluctable as it may be, is plainly out of line with normal pricing practices, and it will prove a very heavy burden on a large body of students.

The very affluent and the utterly destitute will not feel the pinch — the former because they can easily bear the increased costs, and the latter because they are reasonably assured of assistance by their universities. But a great many middle class, especially lower middle class, students may now find the going very hard.

It will be the duty of the universities to make sure that they do not find it impossible hard. The maximum fees should be graduated, with due regard to the students' financial ability. Scholarships which are ordinarily granted according to merit must now be weighted in favour of demonstrable need. Loans repayable after graduation would help keep many young people at their studies who might otherwise have to drop out. The guiding principle should be that not one worthy student be allowed to quit school merely because he, or his parents, cannot afford to pay the new higher fees.

Furthermore, our institutions of higher learning must not delude themselves into thinking that they will bail themselves out of their difficulties by raising tuition fees, which, as they are well aware, account for only a small portion of their incomes. Numerous suggestions have already been made for cutting university expenditures — some of these have now been reiterated by student leaders — but few have been seriously acted upon, except perhaps by way of some reduction of the teaching staffs.

Yet the universities' agenda for action remains crowded. The building spree is yet to be effectively terminated, inflated administrative staffs to be contracted, double-paying professorial sabbaticals to be shelved, little attended courses to be eliminated or joined together.

Not all the ideas currently aired for cutting the academic fat are especially helpful. For example, the adoption of the student leaders' suggestion for a regular summer term would doubtless speed up studies, and out the time now spent on earning at least the B.A. degree. But contrary to the students' claim, it would contribute nothing to cutting expenditures.

What is true is that the search for a solution to the universities' financial bind cannot stop with the rise in tuition fees.

Yeshayahu trips up

THE ROOT of the trouble with the Knesset appears to lie in the fact that its administrative apparatus has not kept pace with the expansion of its staff. From a mere handful of officials in the Knesset's early years, they now reach a grand total of 300. To this day, for example, there is in the Knesset no chief officer, with the rank of director-general, charged with the proper running of the administrative affairs of Israel's parliament.

A number of strongmen, entrenched in key Knesset positions, have evidently taken personal advantage of this amorphous situation. This was hardly the fault of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, who has been wielding the gavel for only four years. What Mr. Yeshayahu could, however, have done when a number of irregularities committed by some members of his staff were brought to his attention by his own internal controller, was to have those irregularities removed. Instead, he removed the controller from his post, and had another one appointed in his place.

Mr. Yeshayahu doubtless had his reasons — political, communal, perhaps even personal — for taking such unprecedented action. These did not strike Ehud Olmert, a Likud M.K., as sufficiently compelling. Mr. Olmert took Mr. Yeshayahu harshly to task, in terms that were respectful and entirely parliamentary. Mr. Yeshayahu responded with a personal attack on Mr. Olmert, using terms that were neither respectful nor parliamentary.

This was yesterday morning, on the radio. Later in the day Mr. Yeshayahu held a press conference in the course of which he tried to explain the dismissal of his controller — and of the controller's report. He was not very convincing.

It is a mess that Mr. Yeshayahu has needlessly created. It is up to him now to clean it up.

ISRAEL PRESS

The Israel issue in the U.S.

DAVAR (Hastadrut) writes that Sadat's speech at Colombo once again attests to the depth of Arab hostility, proving that nothing has changed in the ideology of hate, partial agreements notwithstanding. "Our Western friends will no doubt endeavour to explain to us, as usual, that Sadat was compelled to say the things he did because of the competition against Gaddafi, or Assad, or Arafat, but we must not let ourselves be misled by such explanations." OMER (Hastadrut) writes that the considerable complacency displayed by Israel towards Egypt with regard to the two agreements between the two countries — the Separation of Forces Agreement and the Interim Agreement — was based on Sadat's readiness for compromise. "If he has now reneged on this policy — as his speech in Colombo would seem to indicate — he will find Israel prepared."

HA'ARETZ (independent) calls on the universities to abide by Yeshayahu's decision on the amount of tuition fees, and their linkage to the C.O.L. index. The paper finds it inconceivable that the universities will surrender to the threats of the students' federation on this. "It is doubtful whether the students, the majority of whom come from

families that are well established, will strike in protest against a slight reduction of the subsidy they receive for the financing of their studies. Subsidies on basic commodities were abolished only recently, and even this was received with understanding by wide sectors of the public, the paper points out. HATZOFEN (National Religious) feels that the propaganda campaign begun by the Soviets against what they term "Israel's naval blockade of Tyre and Sidon" is probably meant to establish an excuse, permitting the Kremlin active interference in the civil war in Lebanon. Soviet involvement in Lebanon could turn the conflict there into an international one, carrying with it dangers to peace in the region as a whole."

AL HANISHMAN (Mapam) refers to the possibility that Syria and Jordan intend to establish a new Palestinian organisation, subordinate to them, which would serve as a substitute for the PLO. "Syria needs the Palestinian element to promote her own interests, not the Palestinian cause. Jordan realizes that the return of the West Bank territories, wholly or in part, can only come about when the PLO is no longer effective."

VIEWPOINT

Cities have to suffer for national problems

For 28 years, the Government has studiously avoided specifying the problems that come under the jurisdiction of the municipalities. As a result, disgruntled citizens often blame city hall for many sins of omission that are not its sins at all. And the murkiness also gives political opportunists a great chance to capture a quick headline, writes POST reporter SARAH HONIG.

THE THREATS levelled on Sunday by Victor Tayar, head of yet another Panther faction ("the Zionist Panthers"), at the Tel Aviv municipality, go a long way in explaining the resignation of the members of the Executive of the Union of Local Authorities only a few days before.

The problem of the local authorities, and of the large municipalities especially, is not merely fiscal. The murky jurisdiction of the government in living up to its financial undertakings no doubt exacerbates the situation. But the root problem is that during the nearly three decades of the state's existence, no one has yet found time for making some very basic definitions that would enable everyone to know what the responsibilities of the central government are and what services may be rightly demanded from the municipalities and local councils.

As long as the relations between local and central government remain hopelessly unfettered, the cities will not merely lack economic independence, but they will continue to be caught in a terrible vise: on the one hand, they are the recipients of countless bureaucratic orders and demands from government ministries, while on the other hand they become the "addressee" to which disgruntled but often uninformed citizens bring their grievances, although the cities have no authority to do anything about them.

The cities, in short, have become easy targets. This is an ideal situation for political opportunists who wish to grab a headline at the modest cost of calling a press conference. Cities can with impunity be accused of anything and threatened with everything. No one, least of all those whom our political opportunists wish to impress, has any idea of what municipal duties are.

And what better target could there be than the Tel Aviv Municipality's slum policy? A potential lightning rod in which everything is shrouded in a thick mist. So this foggy no man's land Victor Tayar charges. And he warns that Southern Tel Aviv will explode if the municipality does not spend more money on slum clearance. This yielded him his publicity, just as a few months ago he won even bigger headlines by arranging a meeting between reporters and 11 families who, he claimed, were emigrating to Morocco. The families are still very much with us, but the gimmick worked.

Municipal spokesmen can explain until they are blue in the face that in the last two years no less than one-third of the city's development budgets was spent on improving conditions in the slums. But if the headlines can be captured, why worry about facts?

SO SLUM POLITICIANS will continue to make vociferous demands — for more youth clubs, for example. It is useless to point out how many more clubs and youth centres are found in southern Tel Aviv and Jaffa than in the middle-class areas of town. Of course, slum youth may need such facilities more than their more fortunate fellows. But the undisputed fact is that slums such as



Victor Tayar... blaming the cities.

(Rahamim Yisraeli)

the Hatikva Quarter are full of large, modern, well-equipped youth centres — to which nobody goes. It is a debatable point whether clubs are the recipe for keeping young people who are not motivated to go to clubs off street corners. But this does not mean that there is no political capital to be made by whipping emotions over the subject of slums, which will end up unused.

Once the connection between reality and politics is severed, it can become profitable to harp on almost any theme. You can even find something wrong with so praiseworthy a project as the Philharmonic's outdoor concert in Kikar Ma'aleh Yisrael, which attracted 30,000 people to a unique musical experience. Victor Tayar claims that it was all arranged for the exclusive benefit of north Tel Avivians, and that the municipality squandered public funds on it.

Doesn't Tayar know that the public was invited to the concert free of charge, that no one was barred from Kikar Ma'aleh Yisrael, and that many slum dwellers were probably there too?

Tchakovsky's 1812 Overture was probably as good a choice as any to introduce the uninitiated to classical music, and doesn't Tayar scream for more culture for the masses? Does Tayar really not know that the IL200,000 needed to stage the concert came from contributions solicited personally by Mayor Shlomo Lahat and conductor Zubin Mehta? Doesn't Tayar know that an acoustic shell is being put up in the Hatikva Quarter Park so that musical performances can be given there too? Or perhaps that is a sinister plot to keep the Quarter's residents away from concerts at Kikar Ma'aleh Yisrael.

Tayar indeed claimed that inadequate transport was keeping slum kids away from activities in Youth City and the Near East Fair Grounds. But the fair grounds, though situated north of the Yarkon, are not accessible to any residential neighbourhood, and nearly everyone must take at least two buses to get there. The distance did not keep youngsters from outside Tel Aviv from taking part in the activities at Youth City and, Hatikva Quarter youths were certainly not put off by the need to take a bus to the Central Bus Terminal and then another bus

to the fair grounds. If some of those who did get there found the activities too "square" for their taste, that again is a problem of motivation, and one which should not be taken to City Hall but to the Ministry of Education.

BUT THE LEGAL MURKINESS enables Victor Tayar to shoot his barbs at whomever he wishes. The government has turned the cities into go-betweens for providing the public with services for which it is responsible by law, such as education, welfare, health, and to some extent even housing. The cities have no control over policies or purse-strings. But when the policies are misguided and the purse-strings tightened, it is the municipal officials who become the government's shock absorbers and are confronted with abuse and demonstrations.

Demanding of a municipality that it clear slums and solve housing problems is pure demagoguery. Deputy Mayor Peretz Uinkovsky, who holds the Tel Aviv building portfolio, warned only a few weeks ago that the city, or any city, cannot solve the slum problem on its own. Tel Aviv, for example, lacks the land reserves to put up housing for the estimated 12,000 families, or 60,000 persons, who should be moved from their present sub-standard dwellings. Available land would suffice for an additional 6,000 housing units, at most.

To make matters worse, the budgets of the government-municipal Halamish housing company have been severely slashed. It will be able to provide about 800 housing solutions in the 1977/78 fiscal year instead of the previously envisioned 1,200 to 1,600. These physical and financial constraints do not keep the slum population from growing, however, with people from various parts of the country moving into the city.

It may be convenient for both Victor Tayar and the central government to ignore the fact that it was not the city that curtailed housing budgets, and that the city cannot increase them. Only the government can solve land shortage problems by turning the whole central coastal region into one planning unit instead of regarding it as a collection of separate, self-sufficient townships.

Conservatives mull Kansas City change

KANSAS CITY.

FOR THOSE who are pleased to call themselves American conservatives, the Republican Convention here should have been their day come at last. They controlled the party, and the mood of the country supported their favourite stands against Big Government and Big Spending.

But the opportunity has been snatched. Indeed, the convention suggests that the American brand of conservatism is a political philosophy irrelevant to government and at odds with traditional conservative ideals.

These ideals, most of which I cherish, spring from doubt about the perfectibility of man on earth. From this doubt follows respect for established authority and for the rights of individuals against any overweening power — particularly the uncontrolled power of the State. While change is accepted, the preference is for slow organic growth, as distinct from sweeping alteration in accord with some abstract blueprint.

A curtailment of top-heavy government and wild spending is obviously consistent with these ideals. This year, for once, a political climate coloured by Watergate, Vietnam and disillusion with the great society, favoured a conservative approach.

The group of candidates identified with Big Government and Big Spending lost the Democratic nomination to Jimmy Carter, candidates running on the anti-Washington theme scored upset victories in the California Republican primary and the Missouri Democratic primary.

But instead of seizing the favourable hour, the Republican conservatives fell to fighting among themselves. They did not support the established authority in the person of President Ford, though he has been, as the "London Economist" pointed out last week, a true-blue conservative. On the other hand, they threw their major effort into eroding Presidential authority through the candidacy of Ronald Reagan.

When Reagan, sensing he was lost, tried to broaden his appeal by the ad-

vance designation of Sen. Schweiker as Vice-President, a group of doctrinaire voters led by Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina went into their own. The overall aim demonstrate that the American conservatives — whether Reaganites or Helmsites — constitute a governing power.

NOR ARE THEIR IDEAS alien to development. On the platform adopted by all conservative branches, the Republican Party favours additional amendments to the immediate question of prayer, busing, and other words, to gain at point, the American would indiscriminately novelties onto a Constitution remarkable for its adaptability.

Worse still, the amendments are truly individual rights, instead of an abortion among others, would hence interference in the most sacred of the family. Since doctors are going to be giving abortions, no matter who, the amendments would, as the President did, only serve to make the abortion more available, wholesale violation of the supreme law of the land.

The exposure of individual economic ideas of the conservatives. The plan them approve provides "Wall Street Journal" a billion-dollar tax on business and inventors parents with children in the well-off of the poor who are "protection" against poverty.

So American conservatism, what about it? It is easy to see. In the United States, the only conservatism is as a liberal policy. Otherwise that breeds puritan, not to, and which the rich may a screen for their greed.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE TRADITIONAL garb of diplomacy, the morning coat and striped trousers, has been absent at the summit non-aligned conference going on in Sri Lanka. Male representatives of the Third World, the Associated Press reports have opted instead for a variety of business suits, blazers and slacks, Nehru jackets, safari suits, gowli-like agbadas and headwraps, some West Africans, large-brimmed hats, turbans, and headwraps. Female officials wore western frocks, traditional African gowns and South Asian saris. For background music, the delegates have heard, "There's No Business Like Show Business" and other American tunes piped over a television circuit.

THE QUIRKS of Egged bus drivers and their willingness to disregard the needs and comfort of their passengers has become legendary, but one such incident this week resulted in a free ride around Jerusalem for a busload of passengers.

The bus, Jerusalem's number 7 on its way to Ramat, stopped in the centre of town at 11.35 a.m. on Tuesday. A young woman with her arm in a sling and two small children in tow alighted and presented the driver with a IL100 note. He refused to change the bill and demanded that she get off. After a prolonged discussion, the driver relented and let her stay on the bus. The driver closed his doors and drove off, but instead of continuing along his route, he wended his way through the busiest streets of the capital, to the central police station.

A police van drew alongside to see what was the matter, but when the woman and her children got out to tell their side to the police, the driver promptly closed his doors and drove away. The driver did not have his number displayed inside the bus as required, but the license plate was number 690-332.

H.S.

A FRIEND has shown me a receipt from her U.S. She thought the receipt would interest me. It was a receipt for a year at the age of 13-14 age group. It starts with 30 boys and girls. It was really more than could handle. The child (attendant families) was sitting, and quite content, asked them who would follow dancing session, no a hand. Anyway, it was a dance in June, with a jockey for music. The group all invited gen (against synagogues) when I wouldn't let them let them in by the called off the dance, began, knowing that bound to go from bad to worse. It was a very disappointing year that I had. Even the rabbi doesn't handle the youth at the and the kids are rude in friend adds that if there's a lot in this, it has a writer of the letter: a cousin as a left-leaning and never dreamt that hoot about mixed social.

ARCHIE BUNKER, the star of "All in the Family" visited Rome, where he met the St. Ignace's Genesius was a sect Roman actor.

Archie, who is real O'Connor, knows Rome he played Casius in "Antony and Cleopatra" there in 1961. Since become a fervent Roman.

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READERS' LETTERS

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am continually puzzled by the strange behaviour of Mr. Yadin and the Ministry of Education. First, there was the photograph, widely publicised in the press, of the Minister of Education at Kikar Ma'aleh Yisrael, being taught how to lay bricks. I am sure many people found it inconceivable as I did that the Minister of Education of a Jewish State should need such a lesson.

This was followed by the Ministry's announcement that it was sending 38 youngsters abroad, as "representatives" of Israel, to share Independence Day ceremonies with various communities. Chosen from 400 applicants, it was announced that "most of them have no knowledge of the basics of Judaism, and for many it will mean their first visit to a syn-

agogue." Great representatives for Israel!

Now we read (August 9) that ten high school students are to be sent to the U.S.A. for six months to stay with gentiles, including a Christian clergyman. The Ministry of Education has a job to do — not just to give secular education to our youth, but to instill Jewish values and to halt the moral erosion threatening this country which is causing concern to Jews — both religious and non-observant — in Israel and abroad.

The strange behaviour of the Ministry of Education is a cause for concern and I believe something should be done before serious harm is done to our Jewish youth.

(MRS.) DYORA WATSMAN

Jerusalem

INSULTING COMPARISON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Reporter report on the Rhodesian raid into Mozambique (August 11) states that some "rebellers in Salisbury's bars" were referring to this raid as "Rhodesia's Etatbebe." May I record my disgust at this insulting comparison on the

part of the Rhodesian "rebellers." There just is no comparison between Rhodesia and Israel or between what our defence forces did at Etatbebe and what the Rhodesian forces did in Mozambique.

ABRAHAM HARMAN

Jerusalem

ESTHER ROTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Although Israel won no medals at the Montreal Olympics, the Israeli participants can well be proud of their achievements at the games. This is especially true of Esther Roth, the hurdler, who not only made it to the finals in the women's 100 metre hurdle race, but finished sixth in excellent time in an exceptionally strong field.

Esther Roth brought joy to millions of American Jews who saw her as the standard bearer of the Israeli delegation at the opening ceremonies. She likewise performed brilliantly during a television interview with Howard Cosell, the sportscaster. This interview was carried on prime TV time with an audience of between 80 and 70 million in the U.S., in addition to the Canadian audience, which picks up U.S. telecasts along the U.S.-Canadian border.

Maplewood, N. J. OY KNELLER

EYESORES IN JERUSALEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Ernie Meyer's "Eyesores in Jerusalem" (August 8) deserves a handshake, as far as it went. I think, though, he could have been more puncty, by which I mean insisting to smotherous those responsible for allowing such decay to set in. I've never been impressed with the areas mentioned in the article, and have always found it necessary to make excuses for its ugliness to visitors from abroad.

But on second thought, do you really suppose that "scrubbing its face and neck" will suffice to make it cosmetically beautiful? There is only one way to handle a deteriorated piece of real estate, and that is to reduce it to rubble and build something more attractive in its place.

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